

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED—IMMEDIATELY.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1916. [416]

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1916. [412]

WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE BOOKKEEPER must be a Competent Man, write a good hand, especially quick at Figures. Age about 20. Only an experienced man need apply—
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Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1916. [406]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD., will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of March, 1916, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, when the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) That after the word "Company" in the 18th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added:—

"The General Managers may also with the consent of the Consulting Committee pay such bonus or bonuses as the General Managers shall think fit."

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 110.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers. [409]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, the 27th March, 1916, at 5.30 P.M.
By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary. [400]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING of 65 DEBENTURES (1896 issue) of the HONGKONG CLUB, Payable on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1916, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock A.M. on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1916.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.
By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary. [401]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A COMPETITION will be held over the FAN LING Course commencing on 1st April for a prize kindly presented by H.E. the Governor.

CONDITIONS.—Match play under handicap. Limited to handicaps of 12 and over.
Entrance fee 50 cents per round, the proceeds to go to the War Charities Committee.

Intending competitors are requested to sign their names on the boards at Happy Valley or Fan Ling or to send same in writing to the undersigned, c/o Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., not later than the 25th inst.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 14th, 1916. [414]

G. R.

NOTICE.

UNTIL further Notice the Government Dredger "ST. ENOCH" will be dredging an area extending to 300 yards South of the Star Ferry Pier at Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

All craft are warned to pass outside 100 yards from this vessel and all Steamers must ease their engines to slow when passing within 300 yards of her.

When the Dredger is working she will fly by day a Red Barge from after-mast and by night 2 Red Lights one at each mast-head.
C. W. BECKWITH,
Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1916. [402]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th March, to SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers. [408]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1915, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers. [303]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at Noon on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1916. [376]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1916. [368]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Foider's Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1916, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st March, 1916, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1916. [413]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, 21st March, 1916, to WEDNESDAY, 19th April, 1916, both days INCLUSIVE.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary. [407]

SOCIETE DES PULPES ET PAPETERIES DU TONKIN.

(Tonkin Pulp & Paper Company.)

CAPITAL \$760,000.
Head Office: 21, rue Jules Ferry, Haiphong.

SECOND NOTICE.

SECOND CONVOCATION.

AS the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Society convened for the 8th February, 1916, did not meet the quorum required by article 31 of the law of 24th July, 1867, modified by the law of 22nd November, 1913, the Board of Directors hereby notify and convene all the Shareholders of the SOCIETE DES PULPES ET PAPETERIES DU TONKIN for a Second Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on the 18th March, 1916, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Head Office in Haiphong, 21, Rue Jules Ferry, when the following Resolutions will be submitted:

1. Winding up of the Company.
2. Nomination of Liquidators, with special powers for disposing of the assets, in movable and immovable Property, to any New Concern at such terms and conditions which will be deemed advisable by the Meeting.

Every Shareholder, whatever number of Shares he holds, may participate in the Meeting, and is entitled without limitation to as many votes as there are Shares in his possession.

For the Board of Directors,
(Signed) M. DANDOLO.
Haiphong, 28th February, 1916. [351]

HOUSES TO LET

TO LET.

NO. 4, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor.
No. 5, ROBINSON ROAD, "STONE-ENGINE," DWELLING HOUSES containing Fire Rooms and Outhouses.
Apply to—
DAVID SARSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1916. [416]

TO LET.

NO. 1, TOGO TERRACE, Kennedy Road.
Apply—
LI FUK TSAU,
Care of Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST,
9, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [355]

TO LET.

NEWLY-BUILT FLATS in SAIFEE TERRACE, Nathan Road, also, SIMILAR FLATS in Jordan Road, Kowloon. Rents very moderate.
Electric Light and Gas installed.
Apply to—
KAYAMALLY & Co.,
5, D'Aguiar Street.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [358]

TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

FURNISHED, No. 3, Mountain View.
Apply—
H. E. POLLOCK,
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1916. [333]

TO LET.

OFFICES, 5, Duddell Street, now in occupation of Messrs. Radecker & Co.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1916. [385]

TO LET.

A splendid set of OFFICE ROOMS on the First Floor of No. 10, Des Vœux Road Central (above the Robinson Piano Co.), comprising Three Large and Two Small Rooms with Outhouses and Servants' Quarters. The Premises are being thoroughly repaired and renovated. Centrally located in the vicinity of the Banks and Shipping Offices. Rents moderate.
Apply to—
MOW FUNG & Co.,
10, Des Vœux Road Central.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1916. [302]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [37]

FURNISHED FLATS.

THE Undersigned are prepared to furnish some of their Regent Mansions (May Road) Flats to suit intending tenants. These Flats have first-class appointments which include English Bath and Kitchen ranges, hot water supply and water-closets. They are of two kinds, viz.: Flats with 2 Bedrooms and 2 Sitting Rooms and Flats with 3 Bedrooms and 1 Sitting Room. The latter are specially suitable for Bachelors. Arrangements could be made if desired for the use, in common with certain other tenants, of the adjoining fresh water swimming bath.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong 26th January, 1916. [305]

TO LET.

NO. 11, GAGE STREET, immediate possession.
Apply to—
J. VINCENT BRAGA,
Toyo Kisha Kaisha.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1915. [100]

TO LET.

RAYNSHILL EAST, Park Road, containing 6 Rooms, 2 Bath Rooms, Servants' Quarters, &c. Vacant 1st November.
Apply—
DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARSTON.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1915. [90]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMED-FLATS in Nathan Road, Kowloon.
THREE ROOMED-FLATS in Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon.
FOUR ROOMED-FLATS in May Road, with every modern convenience, including English Bath and Kitchen Ranges, Hot Water and Water Carriage System. A few Flats specially designed to accommodate three bachelors at reasonable rentals. Immediate possession.
FOUR ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1915. [277]

TO LET.

OFFICES at 2, Connaught Road.
OFFICES in King's Buildings.
OFFICES in Des Vœux Road Central.
HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.
NEW HOUSES in Broadwood Terrace.
HOUSES at the Peak.
No. 1, MORETON TERRACE, Causeway Bay.
GODOWNS, at Wan-chai.
Nos. 1, 2 and 2, WEST END TERRACE CANTON.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 4th November, 1915. [32]

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HONGKONG.

MARRIAGE.

PAGE-NORTHY.—At Barnes, on January 31st, Lieut. O. H. PAGE (Adjutant, 10th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I., late of Swatow, to MARY IRVINE (Queenie) NORTHY.

DEATHS.

SHIRIDAN.—At 51A, Broadway, Shanghai, on March 8th, THOMAS JOSEPH, the beloved husband of GERTRUDE SHIRIDAN, aged 48 years.
GREHARD.—At Shanghai, on March 8th, MARIE, the beloved wife of L. J. GREHARD, in her 51st year.
STARKEY.—At his residence, Chinkiang, on March 8th, EDGORTH STARKEY, aged 70 years.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10, DES VŒUX ROAD, C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 16th MARCH, 1916

THE BRITISH ARISTOCRACY.

We cannot yet comprehend the details of Armageddon. The conflict is so vast that, even if all of the facts could be made public, it would be beyond human conception. Day by day we search for news, some of which we retain in our memories but most of which is quickly obliterated by fresh details. For eighteen months Europe has been engaged in an orgie of slaughter. To-day we are determined, more than ever, to fight the war to a finish, because we realize that it is a struggle for freedom against autocracy. We believe that as a civilized nation we are engaged in what might well be called a Holy War. We mean, at whatever cost, to rid this planet of old barbaric ideas of kingship. And the class in Society which has covered itself with the greatest glory in this wonderful fight for democratic conceptions of life is the aristocracy. Time brings its own revenges. Many a soldier from the mine, or the workshop, who genuinely believed in the politics of ten years ago, that the House of Lords held him in bondage, now sees that the scions of noble houses not only have no fear of death but are the first to do those deeds of gallantry and self-sacrifice which none appreciate more than "the working classes."

The hot blast which is searing Europe will leave nothing untouched. The political and personal ideals which existed before August, 1914, have already shown the cleansing effect of the fires in which they have been tested. We have had surprises beyond number. We have seen our faith in humanity almost shattered. Not an Englishman, before the war, believed such crimes possible as the enemy have committed. Against all this we must set our gains. Nothing, except, perhaps, the individual deeds of heroism, has pleased the British people more than the wonderful reply of the aristocracy to those who called the class decadent. We seem to have recovered some great national asset. The politician said of this class: "They toil not, neither do they spin." Of many of them, in those spacious days of KING EDWARD, it seemed only too true. But when war broke out no class in the community responded so readily and eagerly to the call of duty as the aristocracy. The Universities and the public schools have produced remarkable rolls of honour. More than one hundred heirs to hereditary titles have made the great sacrifice for their country. PRINCE MAURICE OF BATTENBERG, a first cousin of KING GEORGE, has laid down his life. Seven peers have fallen, while ninety-five sons of peers have shown that they, too, preferred death to dishonour. Some of the ancient titles will have no heirs, but the names will live imperishably in the memory of Britons.

With but one or two regrettable exceptions, the debates in the House of Lords during the war have been worthy of the traditions of any Senate or Upper House. Lord DERBY has carried through a work which probably no man less highly connected could have done so well. Members of the aristocracy who before the war held aloof from politics, for various reasons, have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into any work, political or social, which seemed necessary. They have recognised, also, the sterling qualities of men of more humble origin, and have welcomed the co-operation of the representatives of labour, such as the Rt. Hon. WILL CROOKS and Mr. BARNES. They have not hesitated to approve of the recognition by the Government of the services of these men. Nor have they withheld a tribute of admiration for Mr. LLOYD GEORGE. All this must exonerate a very great effect upon the politics of the Empire for many years to come. We may almost hope that the class bitterness, which raised so many difficult social problems before the war, has disappeared never to return. The terrible ordeal has brought home to the rich their responsibilities. It has proved to the poor that, in a national crisis, the leisured class become natural leaders, and are willing to sacrifice anything and everything for their country. While no one can deny the dark horrors and the devastating results of the war, we can, nevertheless, be thankful for those flashes of light which enable us to retain our faith in humanity. The record of the British aristocracy has been splendid, and will never be forgotten by the Empire.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at 3 p.m.
Sir Robert Bredon contemplates leaving for a trip to the United States next month, says the *Peking Daily News*.
The Baltic Christmas Gift to the Red Cross Fund includes a subscription of £25 10s. from Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
Mr. Ronald Macleay, Councillor of the British Legation, Peking, has been staying with Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., at Shanghai.
The P. & O. homeward mail steamer *Karnata*, with the Hongkong mail of the 28th January last, arrived in London on the 13th inst.
Second Lieutenant Wills of the Dorset Regiment, has been appointed Adjutant of the Tientsin British Volunteers. He is accompanied by a Sergeant-Inspector who has also been selected by the War Office.
The engagement is announced of Captain Birdwood van Someren Taylor, Brigade Machine-gun Officer, youngest son of Mr. Birdwood van Someren Taylor, M.B., C.M., of Foochow, China, and Olivia Wynn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Murray, University-gardens, Glasgow.
By the death of Mr. Edgworth Starkey, Chinkiang loses its oldest resident, the deceased gentleman having arrived in Chinkiang about the year 1871. He was connected with the British Municipal Council as far back as 1871, and served on the Council eighteen times, that is to say, almost continuously for forty years.

Mr. F. D. Haigh, who has seen nine years' service at the Hongkong branch of Kelly & Walsh, has been transferred to Shanghai. Mr. Haigh was presented by the members of the Kowloon Cricket Club with a Thermos flask and case of pipes in token of their esteem, the presentation being made by Mr. P. R. Wolff, President of the Club.

The Japanese General Aoki, who was recently dispatched to Shanghai, frankly states that part of his mission is to investigate German intrigues in China. The latest form of German duplicity in Peking consists of trying to bribe willing neutrals to take false passports and hand them over to a number of Germans who are prisoners at Vladivostok, thus facilitating their escape.

The death occurred suddenly on February 4th at The Gables, Malvern, of Admiral John Frederick George Grant. In 1860 Admiral Grant was present at the capture of the Taku Forts and received the Chinese Medal. He was also engaged in various operations against the rebels in China in 1862, being twice mentioned for his services. When in command of the *Midge* he was engaged for many months in suppressing piracy in the Straits of Malacca.

The Eastern Extension, Australia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd., announce that commencing on the 18th inst. the "River-side" Code, 5th edition, will be allowed to be used in addition to the seven codes already permitted. The exceptions to the above are:—With or without Argentine Republic and Brazil; with France and French possessions, and with Italy. The sender's name, which has to be telegraphed, should not be included in the body of the telegram, but should be written by itself on the line below the last word.

The following paragraph appears in the *Peking Gazette*:—We understand that Mr. Edmund Backhouse, the brilliant English sinologue, whose monumental Anglo-Chinese Dictionary has long been awaited, is for private reasons leaving China this month. It is said that he does not intend to return to this country. We trust his decision is not irrevocable, particularly if it is likely to affect his work on the dictionary. The completion of this dictionary, on which Mr. Backhouse has been engaged for nearly two decades and which is to be twice or thrice as voluminous as the celebrated work of Dr. Giles, is considered an international necessity.

A very successful concert was held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, last evening, with the object of augmenting the funds of the Home. The Rev. T. Robinson was the prime mover in the affair, and the programme was arranged by the Naval Concert Party, of which Mr. H. G. Lister is Hon. Secretary, with Messrs. H. Dunn, W. Stratfield, and E. Card as willing helpers. There was a crowded audience. Among those present were Rear-Admiral Anstruther and his Secretary (Mr. Merry). The programme was "long and diversified, and the items were, without exception, enthusiastically received. The contributors included Miss C. Scott, Mrs. Goodman, and Mrs. D. Brown (song), Messrs. R. Sutherland, A. J. Brock, Perrin, A. B. Allen, and A. E. Staley (songs), Mr. J. Robinson (bones), Mr. B. White (violin solo), Mr. P. D. Wilson (bagpipe selections), the Brothers White (banjo duet), and Mr. H. Dunn (recitation). The accompaniments were provided by Misses Stanley and Scott, and Messrs. Perrin and Hearn.

THE YUE HING APPEAL.
THE PRESSURE OF BANKS.

Mr. Sharp replied to Mr. Potter's address on the facts in the Yue Hing appeal case yesterday. Dealing with the alleged pressure by the French and the International Banks for paying off loans made to the Company, counsel said that this matter was thoroughly gone into when the case was before the Chief Justice, but as Mr. Potter had dealt with it he had to again refer to the subject. The opium market, he would emphasise, was steadily rising throughout the whole of the material period in the case as a consequence of which the bank position of the Company was steadily relieving itself. Actually, two sales of opium were made by the banks to relieve the loans. The French Bank sold 22 chests to relieve their loan, and the International Bank dealt with two material transactions; "Koo" paid in \$100,000, and the bank also sold five chests of opium in respect of the loan. This was all that the pressure from the banks amounted to. Another fact was a letter from "Koo" to "Leo," regarding the selling of the opium to relieve the position of the Company, and it had been argued that "Leo" had acted honestly on that letter there would have been no ground for complaint. Their (the respondents) sole complaint was that "Leo" did not act honestly; that he did not act honestly during the period when "Koo" was nervous and wrote nervous letters. In conclusion, Mr. Sharp contended that the Chief Justice was of the opinion that all the circumstances of the case gave rise to the gravest suspicions. It was obvious that the Company was in a wholly rotten condition, and, as a consequence, it was the duty of the Court to have the Company wound up.

Judgment was reserved.

THE WAR.

LULL AT VERDUN.

ENEMY'S NEXT MOVE CALMLY AWAITED.

IMPORTANT OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

GERMANY'S PROGRESS TO DISASTER

STARRED OCCUPATIONS LIST REVISED.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE VERDUN BATTLE.

"WHOLE GERMAN PLAN WRECKED."

LONDON, March 15th.
2.20 p.m.

A German artillery observation officer who has been captured says that originally the German artillery was massed en bloc and everyone was convinced that Verdun would crumble to dust, but gradually the French shells poured on the massed artillery compelled it to disperse, thus wrecking the whole German plan.

CEASELESS ACTIVITY OF THE GUNS.

BOMBARDMENT INTENSIFIED WEST OF MEUSE.

PARIS, March 14th.
3.00 a.m.

The evening communiqué says:—North of Verdun, the bombardment was intensified west of the Meuse against Mort Homme and the Bois Bourrus region. Our batteries shelled enemy gatherings between Forges and Crows Wood.

There was moderate artillery activity on the right bank of the Meuse and in Woivre, but there was no infantry action during the day.

The Germans attacked the trenches we recently recaptured east of Seppois, in Upper Alsace, but artillery and infantry fire quickly drove them back to their trenches.

Our artillery north of the Aisne wrecked enemy organisations at several points in the Vauclerc Plateau.

Our heavy guns bombarded German works in Champagne and Eastern Argonne.

Our aviators were remarkably active to-day. Six machines dropped 180 bombs on the strategic station of Brouilles, north of Verdun. Numerous actions were fought, in which we indisputably had the advantage. Three German aeroplanes were brought down, and others were seen falling, but their destruction has not been verified.

THE LULL AT VERDUN.

STILL 100,000 FRESH GERMANS FOR THE FURNACE.

PARIS, March 14th.
12.40 p.m.

The lull at Verdun finds the position generally unchanged, compared with nine days ago. The French do not believe that the Germans have definitely abandoned the offensive, as they have still 100,000 fresh troops to be flung into the furnace at the behest of the Kaiser, but the French calmly and confidently await the next move, at whatever point it is directed.

Experts are of opinion that after the sanguinary repulse of the frontal attacks the Germans may try surprises on the wings.

The two most important positions on the battlefield are Mort Homme, on the West of the Meuse, and Douaumont, on the east bank of the Meuse. The Germans gained some ground at Bethincourt and in Crows Wood, which are the outlying positions of Mort Homme, but the principal position has not yet been attacked, while the Germans at Douaumont are struggling to maintain a salient.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ATTEMPTED GERMAN ATTACK

ENEMY DISPERSED BY RIFLE FIRE.

PARIS, March 14th.
4.45 p.m.

To-day's communiqué says:—West of the Meuse the cannonade was fairly violent. At night time a strong German reconnaissance in Haudremont Wood was checked by our curtain of fire.

The bombardment continued to be violent at Vaux and Dambloup.

There was also artillery activity in Woivre, notably in the sector of Elix.

The Germans attempted an attack at Bois le Pretre, but they were dispersed by rifle-fire, leaving a number of dead.

GERMAN CLAIMS DISPUTED.

PARIS, March 14th.

A French official announcement says that the total prisoners claimed by the Germans at Verdun are double the number of French killed, wounded and unwounded prisoners. The French lost only 84 guns, many of which were useless, whereas the number of German guns destroyed is very large.

ACTIVITY IN BRITISH ZONE.

THIRTY-TWO AIR FIGHTS.

LONDON, March 14th.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The enemy exploded mines at Carnoy, and near the La Bassee and Bethune Road without damage.

We successfully bombarded the region of Mametz, the Lille-Armentieres railway, and Hooze.

There was considerable artillery activity about Loos.

Also there was considerable aerial activity on both sides. Thirty-two hostile machines were engaged, and three were brought down.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMANY'S NEW LOAN.

FAST PROGRESS TO NATIONAL DISASTER.

LONDON, March 14th.

Neutral financiers declare that owing to the pitiable condition of the small capitalists Germany's new Loan will be merely a banking affair, namely, the conversion of Government bills into Government securities. They are of opinion that this system means fast progress toward national disaster.

"ONLY A SCRAP OF PAPER."

BULGARIAN AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY.

ATHENS, March 13th.

A Sofia telegram says that M. Radoslawoff declared in the Sobranje that he would not oppose the establishment of an autonomous Albania. He was ignorant as to what would happen to Serbia. Bulgaria was not closely related to either of her neighbours, and the agreement with Turkey could to-morrow become only a scrap of paper.

PERSIA'S TREASURER-GENERAL.

PETROGRAD, March 14th.

The Persian Government has re-appointed M. Heinseng Treasurer-General. He resigned last March as the result of German intrigues.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OPERATIONS IN E. AFRICA.

ENEMY DRIVEN FROM STRONG POSITION.

LONDON, March 13th.

General Smuts, in a telegram dated the 12th March, says: the action which commenced on the morning of the 11th inst. against the German prepared positions on the Kitovo Hills, westward of Taveta, resulted in a very obstinate struggle with wavering fortunes, until midnight.

The densely-wooded, steep hills were strongly held by the enemy, and were a most formidable obstacle. Portions of the position were taken and re-taken several times.

The final attack with the bayonet between 9 o'clock and midnight by two parties, led by Lieut-Colonel Freeth and Major Thompson, of the South African Infantry, secured a hold which was maintained till they were re-inforced on the following morning, when the German native troops were seen streaming away towards Kabe, in a south-westerly direction.

Simultaneously one of the Mounted Brigades were engaged in clearing the foothills north-east of Kilimanjaro of the enemy forces which had been cut off from the main body by the rapid advance of the British, on the 8th, 9th, and 10th. Movements are progressing to bar the retreat of those isolated forces westward.

Concurrently with the above actions, a strong column under Major-General Stewart from the direction of Longido appeared on the Arusha-Moshi Road in the rear of the main German concentration, the enemy consequently retreating southwards towards the Usambara railway. The pursuit continues.

DISCIPLINE OF NEW ARMY.

1,000,000 RECRUITED IN FOUR DAYS.

LONDON, March 14th.

In the House of Commons Mr. H. J. Tennant, in the course of the Army Debate, paid a tribute to the wonderful discipline of the men, considering the short term of training. A million recruits were enlisted in four days under the Derby scheme. The bachelors among munition workers and employed in national industry would be reduced to a minimum. The Government would see that the married men would not be let down. He dwelt on the enormous development of the Army, instancing that stores used since the outbreak of war would have lasted for 140 normal years. He emphasised the merits of the system of purchase on behalf of all the Allies.

STARRED OCCUPATIONS REVISED.

LONDON, March 14th.

The War Office announces that a Committee is revising the list of starred occupations, except the list of those employed on railways and in collieries. It recommends that the exemption of men claiming responsible positions in occupations connected with the export trade be limited to married men over 30 years of age, that reserved bachelors be released for service, and that luxury occupations be deleted from reservation.

FULFILMENT OF LORD DERBY'S PLEDGE.

LONDON, March 14th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George hoped that the revision of the lists of reserved occupations would secure the fulfilment of Lord Derby's pledge. It is understood that in revision married men would receive special consideration.

MARRIED MEN'S UNION.

LONDON, March 14th.

It has been decided to establish a Union of married men who have affected at Manchester.

MR. GIBSON BOWLES' NEW PLATFORM.

LONDON, March 14th.

Mr. Gibson Bowles will contest Harborough on behalf of the attested married men, in opposition to Mr. Percy Harris (Liberal).

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OPPOSITION TO PREMATURE PEACE.

LORD FISHER AND "A NEW EARTH."

LONDON, March 14th.

The Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House in support of the Fight for the Right movement, whose object is the opposing of premature peace.

Mr. Balfour wrote warmly sympathising with the object of the meeting.

Admiral Lord Fisher said the self-governing Dominions had steeled their hearts to every sacrifice to win the war. Victory would mean a new Heaven and a new earth.

The Bishop of Winchester, the Chief Rabbi, and Monsignor Drew supported the resolution.

GALLIPOLI OPERATIONS.

OFFICERS DECORATED FOR SERVICES.

LONDON, March 14th.

Among the Naval officers mentioned in despatches in regard to the Gallipoli operations are Rear-Admirals Thursby, Christian, and Stuart-Nicholson, practically all the Captains engaged, fifteen midshipmen, and eight trawler-skippers, while there are "mentioned" in connection with the evacuation Rear-Admiral Fremantle and 32 others of various ranks.

Twenty-seven Distinguished Service Orders are awarded, the recipients including Assistant Paymaster B. F. Hood. A number of Distinguished Service Crosses are awarded, among the recipients being ten midshipmen and four trawler skippers. The commander of the famous transport *Nevele* *Styde* has also been decorated.

Colonel Walker Campbell and Lieut-Colonel A. Lynden-Bell have been gazetted Major-Generals in connection with the evacuation.

Lieut-General Sir A. Munro is awarded the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George (G.C.M.G.) in connection with the evacuation, and Major-General F. J. Davies is created a Knight Commander of that Order (K.C.M.G.), while the following have been appointed Companions of the Order (O.M.G.):—Colonel Robert Tudway, Majors H. E. Street (Artillery), A. G. McNulty (Army Service Corps), and C. F. Aspinall (Munster Fusiliers).

Major-General's Altham, Byng, and Godley have been made Knight Commanders of the Order of the Bath (K.C.B.), and Lieut-Colonel G. F. Macdonald and C. B. White (Australians) have been appointed Companions of the Bath (C.B.).

ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, March 14th.

Major-General Heath, Director of Quartering, has been appointed Deputy-Quartermaster-General, and Colonel Atkins, Deputy Director of Supplies, has been appointed temporary Director, in place of Major-General Long.

Major-General Long resigned owing to differences of opinion on the question of administration.

NEW BATTALION COMMANDER.

LONDON, March 14th.

Colonel William Lowry (retired Indian Army) has been appointed to command a Battalion of the Lincolnshires.

CHIEF FINATE ILL.

AMSTERDAM, March 14th.

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is ill.

MR. ASQUITH INDISPOSED.

LONDON, March 14th.

Mr. Asquith is suffering from bronchial catarrh, and is unable to attend the House of Commons.

ARGENTINE WHEAT HARVEST.

BUENOS AIRES, March 14th.

The wheat harvest is estimated at 4,699,500 tons.

GERMAN VESSELS IN SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 14th.

The Cabinet is considering the question of chartering the interned German vessels.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

IRELAND AND MUNITION-MAKING.

GREATER FACILITIES REQUESTED.

LONDON, March 13th.

A deputation of Irish business men, headed by Mr. John Redmond, waited on Mr. Lloyd George to urge greater facilities for the making of munitions in Ireland and the equipment of national shell and fuse factories. They declared that the Trade Unions would help in the work.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he was anxious to utilise the reserves of Ireland to the utmost, but it cannot be ignored that for the most part Ireland was not an industrial country. He pointed out that Belfast's contribution to the conduct of the war was second to none in the United Kingdom. He was not sanguine enough to hope that the war would end before July, and therefore he could not make plans for the delivery of such machinery on such an assumption. There was no reason why Ireland should not be more prosperous industrially. He would seize the opportunities afforded by the making of munitions for developing Ireland industrially.

The deputation agreed to form a permanent Committee to make definite suggestions to the Ministry of Munitions.

AUSTRIAN FRIGHTFULNESS.

INFECTED SWEETS DROPPED BY AIRCRAFT.

ROME, March 14th.

The Governor of Bologna announces that the Austrian air raiders, on the 13th February dropped packages of sweets, which, when analysed, were found to contain germs of contagious diseases.

MESOPOTAMIA MISMANAGEMENT.

LONDON, March 14th.

The Times to-day publishes a leading article animadverting on the arrangements in Mesopotamia, especially medical defects.

COCOA FROM THE CAMEROONS.

LONDON, March 14th.

Four hundred tons of cocoa have arrived from the Cameroons.

FRENCH SAILORS AT LISBON.

LONDON, March 14th.

French sailors who have arrived here were accorded an ovation.

AMERICAN EXPEDITION TO MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

President Carranza has accepted American co-operation, provided his troops are allowed to cross the frontier in pursuit of the brigands. The United States has agreed to this.

The War Department recognises that months must elapse before General Villa's band is broken up.

The managers of the munitions factories with which large Government orders have been placed state that these will not interfere with their contracts with the Allies.

THE "CENTRAL EUROPE" SCHEMES.

According to the *Volkszeitung* the

fiscal negotiations between Germany, Austria and Hungary, which were initiated in July at Berlin and in November at Vienna, are being continued at Dresden. The chief Hungarian representative is the former Premier, Herr Wekerle. In an interview Herr Wekerle admitted that there are sharp differences of opinion between the "theorists" and the "practical politicians." He admitted that nothing definite could be done until Hungary had come to terms with Austria. Beyond that it was necessary to bring German interests into close touch with Austrian and Hungarian interests, and then it was absolutely necessary that before the conclusion of peace the Governments should come to definite agreements, so that they might present a united front in the economic questions which must "supplement the political alliance and fortify the military co-operation" of Germany and Austria-Hungary.—Times.

THE SERBIAN RETREAT.

HELP FROM THE WESTERN ALLIES.

The retreat of the Serbian troops to the coast has only been rendered possible by the co-operation of the British, the French, and the Italians. Food has been supplied by the British and French jointly. The Italians have provided most of the shipping and escort necessary to transport it across the Adriatic. Its distribution has been arranged for by the members of the British Adriatic mission under General F. P. S. Taylor, C.M.G.

But the provision of food was only one of the duties undertaken by the British mission. In the north roads were repaired and made at least passable, and bridges and ferries constructed by the mission, the work being done by British engineers, Serbian pioneers, and Albanians under the direction of British officers. All the necessary material had to be obtained from Italy, and the transport for this, as well as for the food supplies, was provided by the Italian Admiralty.

The Serbian troops all went by land as far as Durazzo, and five days' rations were provided at Alessio, where troops and provisions were concentrated.

The very difficult situation created by the co-operation of three separate authorities and the complicated division of labour have been dealt with satisfactorily, and if there has been some delay the results attained and expected speak most highly for the good will of all concerned.

In the north the work was done by the British Adriatic mission. At Durazzo, and especially at Avlona and on the Vjosë River, British and Italians worked together. The work of providing supplies was in the hands of the British mission, but could never have been accomplished without the ready and generous co-operation of the Italians. The Italian Army made jetties, unloaded ships, transferred food to the coasting steamers, provided mule transport, and in short supplied all the means for getting the food from the base depôts to the Serbians. In two cases where an ordinary transport was available the bulk of the Italian regiments carried boots and food on their backs from Avlona to the Vjosë River, where the Serbian troops were waiting for help. The Italians have also done a great deal of valuable work making and improving roads in their sphere.

Mention should be made of the heroic work done by two Serbian doctors at Fieri, where hospitals have been established, and where the worn and starving Serbians were, rested and refitted.

WAR NEWS.

REINFORCEMENTS TO BAGHDAD IMPOSSIBLE.

A Russian military correspondent, writing to the *Morning Post*, anticipates complete Turkish evacuation of the Erzerum and Van districts, enabling the Russian guns to protect the valleys of the Euphrates and Tigris and make the supply of reinforcements to Baghdad almost impossible.

THE EGYPT COMMAND.

The Cairo correspondent of the *Pioneer* says the command in Egypt has now been split up. General Sir Archibald Murray is in charge of the Mediterranean expeditionary force such as it is at present and is responsible for the Canal defence with headquarters at Ismailia; and Lieut-General (now temporary-General) Sir J. Maxwell is in military control of Egypt with headquarters in Cairo and is responsible for the western frontier. During General Murray's short stay in Cairo the Sultan gave a large banquet in his honour at Abbasi palace.

HUNGARY HUNGRY.

The *Morning Post's* Budapest correspondent says that M. Vazsonyi, member for Budapest, vehemently attacked the Government in the Hungarian parliament for allowing the people to starve and permitting exports of produce to Germany, where he said prices were one-fourth those at Budapest; he stated that the German Government had purchased produce and sold below cost price.

The *New York Sun's* Rome correspondent quotes a business man who was recently in Austria-Hungary who says he is convinced that the monarchy cannot hold out beyond another three months.

DIVORCE FOR "POOR" SOLDIERS.

WAR'S EFFECT ON HAPPINESS ON THEIR HOMES.

A Berlin paper recently reported that since the outbreak of war over thirty thousand German soldiers in the capital alone had had their marriages annulled. The domestic troubles of the British Tommy fell far short of the enemy record, as was shown in an interview with Mr. Adrian Haxford Short, of the Poor Persons Department in the Law Courts.

"I do not think," said Mr. Haxford Short, who deals with all the applications for "easy" divorce, "that we have had more than three or four hundred soldier applicants during 1915, a fair number of whom were granted relief. Inevitably the war has had a regrettable effect on the happiness of many of our soldiers' homes, and from time to time I am obliged to deal with some applications from the trenches which are to be obtained under the Poor Persons Regulations. It is possible now, your know, for one who is not worth £50 to secure a divorce for as little as 11s. 3d., but this is the exception rather than the rule. The maximum cost of relief amounts to between £5 and £10. In the cases of country applicants, where witnesses have to be brought to London, naturally there is a little more expenditure. For soldiers in the firing line seeking divorce special permission is obtained from the War Office, and the applicant is allowed to come to London and put his case in the hands of counsel."

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L.P. in *Daily Mail*.

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Satur.	18	8	52	4	9	3	54
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Sun.	19	9	10	5	9	3	21
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Mon.	20	9	34	5	7	3	47
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LONDON and BOMBAY VIA NOVARA	Capt. H. R. Enderby, R.N.R.	3 P.M. 24th Mar.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, NAGOYA, and YOKOHAMA	Capt. A. B. Garwood, R.N.R.	About 19th Mar.	Freight and Passage.
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SHANGHAI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	COLOMBO MARU	FRIDAY	24th Mar.
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CLOSING QUOTATIONS

March 15th

		March 18th
ON	LONDON:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	11 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand	11 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	11 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	11 1/2
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	3-4
	Documentary Bills 1 months' sight 3-4	
ON	PARIS:—	
	Bank Bills, on demand	27 1/2
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	29 1/2
	GENEVA:—	
	On demand	nom.
	Bank Bills, on demand	nom.
	Bank Bills, at 60 days' sight	nom.
ON	BOMBAY:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
	Bank, on demand	16 1/2
ON	CALCUTTA:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
	Bank, on demand	16 1/2
ON	SHANGHAI:—	
	Bank, at sight	7 1/2
	Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON	YOKOHAMA:—On demand	9 1/2
ON	SHANGHAI:—On demand—Pescos	5 1/2
ON	SHANGHAI:—On demand	8 1/2
ON	BATAVIA:—On demand	3 1/2
ON	HAI PHONG:—On demand	3 1/2
ON	SINGAPORE:—On demand	3 1/2
ON	BANGKOK:—On demand	3 1/2
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	40LD LEAF, 100 ans, per tes	\$56.80
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Y. KIKUCHI,
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1910. 123

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G. J. STABB
Chief Manager

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